

Torrance, California
February 11, 1941

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, February 11, 1941 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire.
Absent: Councilmen: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, office of H. L. Byram, Tax Collector, requesting a warrant in the amount of \$175.50 for purchase of 9 parcels of tax dedeed land.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$175.50 be made for the purchase of nine (9) parcels of tax dedeed land, consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 12, Tract 4070. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1424

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING TRANSFER OF GARBAGE
CONTRACT.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1424 be adopted.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Southern California Telephone Company, reporting damage to property of said company January 12, 1941 arising out of a collision between a City of Torrance bus and another vehicle.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney to take up with the insurance carrier. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to Chief Stroh was read from the Automobile Club of Southern California, advising that 2 stop signs on 190th Street, one on 186th Street and 1 on Portola Avenue should be replaced with Code RIR reflectorized stop signs. Chief Stroh advised that one sign on 190th Street is reasonably good, the one on 186th Street is in County territory and the one on Portola Avenue missing.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Chief Stroh be authorized to write to the Automobile Club and request that one sign on 190th Street and 1 sign on Portola Avenue be installed. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Two similar communications were read, one from the Fern Avenue Parent-Teacher Association and one from the Torrance Elementary Parent-Teacher Association, each enclosing identical resolutions adopted at recent meetings endorsing the plan for creating a youth center in Torrance. No action.

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor McGuire announced that bids for 2 transit type busses would be opened, which was done in the following order:

Deputy Clerk Hallanger then opened and read the bids as follows:

BIDDER

BID

Mack-International Motor Truck Corporation
2001 South Alameda Street
Los Angeles

\$6975.00 each, plus
sales tax

Detailed specifications accompanied the bid.

International Trucks - Glenn I. Conner
1453-7 West Anaheim Street
Long Beach, California

\$4043.53 each, plus
sales tax

Special comfort seats

\$ 300.00 additional,
each bus

Each spare tire and tube

\$ 55.64

Detailed specifications accompanied the bid.

Schultz & Peckham
1514 Cabrillo Avenue
Torrance, California

\$4865.00 each, plus
sales tax
& plus tires

Detailed specifications accompanied the bid.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bids be referred to the City Council as a whole for checking and report. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Southern California Gas Company, enclosing a check in the amount of \$100.00 as consideration for franchise to be granted pursuant to their application.

Mayor McGuire asked if protests or objections against granting of franchise to Southern California Gas Company had been received, there being none Deputy Clerk Hallanger presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 322

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, GRANTING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, A CORPORATION, THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING GAS FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES UNDER, ALONG, ACROSS OR UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS AND PLACES, AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN SAID MUNICIPALITY.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 322 be dispensed with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Babcock moved that Ordinance No. 322 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Reo Motors, Inc., Successor to Reo Sales Corporation, advising that said company is bringing out a new low priced pusher bus, but advising that, due to material shortage caused by the Defense Program, neither price or delivery date can be furnished at the present time.

A communication was read from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company, Associated Division, advising that for the twelve months preceding February 1, 1941, no receipts or earnings were derived by said company from the use and ownership of pipe line under Franchise Ordinance No. 127 of the City of Torrance. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors, together with a copy of an order adopted by the Board on February 4, 1941 relating to the method to be used in arriving at the purchase price of tax deeded lands proposed to be purchased by Cities. The order as adopted was read in full by Deputy Clerk Hallanger. No action necessary.

A communication was read from the California State Chamber of Commerce, requesting that all organizations in the State interested in the proper solution to the highway defense problem make known their views immediately. A map was also enclosed outlining the strategic network for defense.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be deferred for study and report at the next meeting. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Warren Southwest Inc., 2145 East Twenty-fifth Street, Los Angeles, advising that, in order to consummate a contract with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for construction of certain water mains in the City of Torrance, said District must first be assured that Warren Southwest Inc. will do the grading and shoulder resurfacing on certain streets to the entire satisfaction of the City of Torrance. An outline was given of the work contemplated.

Councilman Hitchcock stated the City Attorney had suggested that a clause be added to the agreement whereby Warren Southwest Inc. should agree to pay everything over \$1200.00, should the cost be more than that amount. Mr. McCall advised that this should be done, and, also, a clause to be inserted giving the City authority to use the \$1200.00 to complete the job should it not be finished by the date above mentioned.

Engineer Jain said Mr. Gascoigne, Street Superintendent, had estimated the job at approximately \$750.00.

Councilman Babcock moved that the agreement between Warren Southwest Inc. and City of Torrance for grading and shoulder resurfacing on certain streets be accepted, provided the changes as suggested by Attorney McCall are made, said revised agreement to be signed by Warren Southwest Inc. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from W. J. Fink, 2112 238th Street, Torrance, complaining about the slippery condition of Arlington Avenue from Carson Street to Sepulveda Boulevard.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Jain advised that, in response to his letter to the City of Redondo Beach advising of the City's plan to obtain right of way on Hawthorne Avenue and requesting help for improving same, the City Engineer of Redondo Beach had contacted him, expressing approval of the plan and offering to do everything possible to obtain the help of the City of Redondo Beach. Mr. Jain said Mr. Gripper of the State Highway Department had called in response to the letter addressed to the Department, complimenting the City for making the request and asking for additional information. Mr. Jain said he had mailed the additional information.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$90.00, plus tax, be made for 2 nozzles for the Fire Department. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved, in view of the fact that the finances of the City of Torrance are not at present sufficient to properly advertise the City Bus Line, that the Chamber of Commerce Secretary be contacted and requested to work out a plan whereby the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce could temporarily take over the management, advertising and promotion of the City Bus Line. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger was instructed to have a letter directed to the Chamber of Commerce, asking that a suitable time be arranged for a meeting for discussion of the matter.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for material for a concrete walk in front of the park adjacent the Health Center property at 2300 Carson Street. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock said he had estimates of cost for the sewer near the Pacific Perforating Company. He asked if anyone in the audience knew anything about this matter, having been advised, he said, that someone would be present to discuss same.

Engineer Jain reported that the Vista Highlands Sewer Project has been practically completed, with the exception of the line on Greenwood Avenue, which is expected to be completed within a short time.

Engineer Jain said that, due to the difficulty in getting Engineers to help draw the plans, the Torrance Boulevard plan had not been completed as yet. He said, however, that something will be ready within a short time.

In connection with the two lots adjacent to the City Hall, and offered by Real Estate Management Company for a reasonable amount, it was decided to discuss same at the adjourned meeting to be scheduled for report on the bus bids.

City Electrician Butterfield reported that he had made a survey of the Hollywood Riviera Section, with the view of providing lights as requested by a number of residents and property owners of the district. He said the Southern California Edison Company would install overhead lights at no cost to the City except the regular monthly charge for the energy used. The 2500 lumen lights would cost \$2.25 per month, he said, but suggested that 4000 lumen lights at \$2.80 per month would best serve the district. He said the Huntington Land Company and the Clifford Reed Company are very much in favor of the project if metal poles are installed. He said the land companies had agreed to pay for the poles. Twenty or twenty-two lights would furnish adequate light for the district, he added. He said the Huntington Land Company had agreed to give an easement to the property necessary for installation of the lights. Mr. Butterfield mentioned that he would have the details in writing for presentation at the next meeting, or as soon as is desired.

Councilman Powell suggested that Mr. Butterfield show the map to the Council, which gives a general sketch of the plan, he (Councilman Powell) having seen the map.

Councilman Babcock said he felt something in writing should be obtained from the land companies. Attorney McCall said matters could be expedited by requesting the land company to prepare the necessary easement and present it as soon as possible.

Mr. Butterfield commented that the Edison Company would install and maintain the lights.

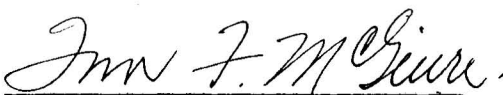
Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the matter be deferred until further report is made.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:56 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to Thursday, February 13, 1941 at 5:00 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance